

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 18th, 1929

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Board, Baltimore, on April 18th, 1929

Present:-

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller,
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The following letter from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was before the Board for consideration:-

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY

Baltimore Division

April 10, 1929

Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor, State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor:-

In the laws of Maryland, 1918, Chapter 371, is "An Act to authorize and empower the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company to maintain and reconstruct railroad bridges over Colgate and Bear Creeks in the State of Maryland, Section 2 of which reads as follows:-

"And BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to reconstruct the said bridges now maintained by it over Colgate and Bear Creeks, or either of them, upon the site or sites now respectively occupied by the said bridges or upon some other site or sites when the plan or plans adopted by the said Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company for the reconstruction of the said bridges, or either of them, shall have been submitted to and shall have received the approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and of the Federal authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Statute Laws of the State of Maryland and of the United States, respectively, in such cases made and provided."

It is our intention to reconstruct the bridge over Colgate Creek within the limits of the City of Baltimore as provided for in Section 2. In order to do this it is desired to take out the pile bents in the creek and reconstruct pile foundations upon which will be placed a deck plate girder bridge. The draw span will not be changed. The reconstruction of that portion of the bridge on both sides of the draw will give more clearance and more areaway with less obstruction under the girder.

We are attaching hereto a small print of Plan No. C-257, which will be submitted to the District Engineer of the United State Engineer's Office in Baltimore; also print of Plan No. 23736, showing the reconstruction of this bridge.

Section 2 of the Act to authorize and empower the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad Company to maintain and reconstruct railroad bridges over Colgate and Bear Creeks requires us to submit to and have the approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, and we request this approval before the papers are presented to the District Engineer for attention of the War Department of the United States Government.

Will you kindly arrange to have the reconstruction plans of this bridge approved as promptly as convenient.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) G. M. Smith,
General Agent and Superintendent.

(The plans mentioned in the letter accompanied the letter and are in the files of the Board.)

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After due consideration the Board approved the application of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for authority to carry out the work outlined in the railroad company's letter and the accompanying plans.

The following letter from Mr. E. Lee LeCompte, State Game Warden, was considered by the Board:-

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Game Division

April 15th, 1929

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Chairman, Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Ritchie:-

Some time ago I mentioned to Senator Mitchell the fact that we would like to purchase some property in Charles County for a game refuge. Today, the Senator has called me by phone, stating there is a piece of property located five miles west of La Plata on the State highway, between La Plata and Indian Head, containing eight hundred acres which he has just learned will be offered at mortgage sale on Tuesday, April 16th, and requested to know if we would be interested in this property, stating that the mortgagees were trying to have this property bring not less than \$5,000 which would be about \$6.25 per acre, which, of course, is very cheap for land, and from what the Senator tells me, the property would be desirable for our purpose, two hundred acres of which is arable and about six hundred acres in growing timber.

The Senator has stated that if I was interested, they could have the sale postponed and I could look at the property. I informed him that I did not purchase any property until I received sanction from the Board of Public Works. Therefore, I would appreciate it if your honorable board would take this matter up at your earliest opportunity and let me have your opinion relative to the purchase of this land, providing after I have made an investigation and inspected the property, it meets with my approval.

Thanking you in advance for your favorable reply and with best wishes,
I am,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) E. Lee LeCompte,
State Game Warden.

After due consideration the Board decided to approve the purchase by the State Game Department of the land between La Plata and Indian Head, as outlined in Mr. LeCompte's letter, if it could be secured at a price considered by Mr. LeCompte as suitable.

The Board of Managers of Crownsville State Hospital submitted to the Board for approval contracts to be executed in connection with the construction of a new building at Crownsville State Hospital, the plans and specifications for which were prepared by the office of Joseph Evans Sperry, Architect, and the low bidders for the work being those named below,

APPROPRIATIONS

Boiler House Addition, Boilers & Piping for Dormitory Building - - -	\$40,000.00
New Dormitory Building 1st unit- - - - -	100,000.00
Addition to Dormitory Building, 2nd Unit- - - - -	100,000.00
Additional appropriation for Dormitory Building- - - - -	15,000.00
	<u>\$225,000.00</u>

After due consideration the Board of Public Works authorized the Board of Managers of Crownsville State Hospital to enter into contracts with the contractors named above, in the amounts stated, for the work to be done as outlined in the contracts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O'Melinske
Secretary

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BOILER HOUSE ADDITION

Contractors

C. Ernest Nichols-Building- - - - -	\$8,836.00	
Heat & Power Corp.Boiler & Piping- - - -	22,727.68	
Blumenthal-Kahn Co.-Electric Wiring - - -	<u>459.24</u>	\$32,022.92

NEW DORMITORY BUILDING

Contractors

Carlson & Carlson, Building- - - - -	84,882.00	
Howard and Kimball - Heating- - - - -	13,465.75	
Simpson Electric Co., electric wiring- -	<u>3,446.17</u>	101,793.92

ADDITION TO DORMITORY BUILDING

Contractors

Carlson and Carlson, Building- - - - -	83,919.00	
Howard and Kimball, Heating- - - - -	11,799.00	
Simpson Electric Company, electric wiring	<u>3,589.50</u>	99,307.50

EQUIPMENT FOR DORMITORY

Bronze frames and screens- - - - -	6,300.00	
Utility Room Equipment- - - - -	857.60	
Dumb Waiter- - - - -	<u>294.00</u>	7,451.60

Architects' fee- - - - -	-14,434.56
Survey of Property- - - - -	50.00

Approximate cost of carrying a part of the contracts until February 15th, 1930 when the final appropriation for the Dormitory Building is available- - - - -	<u>539.50</u>
	\$225,600.00

The excess of \$600.00 is assumed by the Architect.